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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Approved July 23, 2019)

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on May 6, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ron Castaldo, CRNA; Megan Williams, FNP-C; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Katie O'Brien, CNM; Mark Borer, MD

ABSENT: Mary Diamond, DO; Neha Soares, MD; Joseph Rubacky, DO; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh

GUESTS: None

PRESIDING: Ron Castaldo, CRNA

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Castaldo called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from March 18, 2019 were reviewed. Dr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Borer. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

APRN Subcommittee for Report to General Assembly

Dr. Zickafoose reported Mr. Mangler submitted the report to the Division of Research for distribution to the General Assembly on April 10th and he has had no response to date. Dr. Williams mentioned she would inquire if given the opportunity.

Cheryl Gamble, CRNA

Members reviewed the additional verification documents for Ms. Gamble. Ms. Cunningham made a motion to grant independent practice, seconded by Ms. O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed the requirements for collaborators with the same role and population focus as well as length of time licensed as an APRN. Dr. Borer added the role of the committee is patient safety.

Kimberly Brasure, FNP

Members reviewed the corrected verification documents for Ms. Brasure and verified she had been an APRN more than two years. Dr. Williams made a motion to grant independent practice, seconded by Ms. O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Applications for Independent Practice:

Cynthia Diefenbeck, Psych/Mental Health CNS

Dr. Borer added Dr. Diefenbeck is also a clinical psychologist. Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeanine Dunmore, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. O'Brien moved, seconded by Dr. Borer to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Angela Barone, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Nadya Julien, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Borer, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristin David, Psych/Mental Health NP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Margaret Schwalm, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Borer, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Monique Cosma, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham to grant independent practice pending satisfactory clarification of the number of hours and timeframe on the verification form. Dr. Zickafoose will follow up with the applicant and report findings to Dr. Castaldo before issuing Independent Practice. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):

Dr. Castaldo reported he attended the APRN Roundtable and APRN Forum conferences in

Chicago as well as the NCSBN Midyear meeting in San Antonio. The Forum allowed participants to provide information on LACE as well as acute versus primary care certifications. Dr. Zickafoose added she and Dr. Castaldo spoke at the 2019 APRN Pharmacology Conference at Christiana Care Health System (CCHS). They are encouraging FNP's to go back to school to acquire the acute care certification. No schools in DE offer this track. Dr. Castaldo mentioned it may be permitted for FNP's to work in the acute care setting if the role pertains specifically to transitioning patients from acute care back to primary care or when seeing patients in acute care settings who present with problems commonly seen in primary care. Dr. Zickafoose added if FNP's are being used to provide acute care without the acute care certification, this could be a liability for both the nurse and the organization. There are no changes in licensure anticipated at this time related to these issues.

Dr. Castaldo also mentioned it is the APRN's responsibility to check the NPDB to be sure there have been no actions taken against their licenses. There is a \$4 fee to do this online.

The APRN Compact was discussed from the Midyear meeting and the NCSBN will vote in August regarding recommended changes to the compact. Dr. Castaldo mentioned there would be a 2080 hour experience requirement, reduction from 10 to 7 for the number of states required to activate the new compact, and a requirement for a criminal background check.

Dr. Borer stated the Consensus Model was written before the collaborative care model. Dr. Zickafoose stated interprofessional collaboration was a large part of the legislation passed in DE in 2015. Other members agreed that collaborative care is a necessity in providing quality care.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING: July 1, 2019 in Conference Room A of the Cannon Building

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, FRE
Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing